

Ambassador and Wife Are Hosts At Embassy Anniversary Party

By Betty Milliken.

The Soviet Ambassador and Mrs. Gromyko were hosts last evening at their Embassy, when more than a thousand guests attended the reception which they gave to celebrate the 26th anniversary of the Red Army and Navy of the Soviet Union. The invitations specifically stated "from 6 to 8 o'clock," but many of the guests, enjoying the customary Soviet hospitality, lingered long beyond the appointed time of departure, so that gradually one by one the large crystal chandeliers were darkened and those who remained bid their adieu and went home or continued on to previously-arranged supper parties.

The Vice President, Mr. Henry A. Wallace, who has been known to spend little time at most social functions, mainly because his arduous duties usually prevent his taking an active part in these events, stood with the Ambassador as he was being photographed by the several cameramen on hand for this auspicious event. Later, the Ambassador and Mrs. Wallace conversed at great length in the concert room, and many members of the Army and Navy, invited particularly on this occasion, took the opportunity to extend personal greetings.

The receiving line included the Ambassador and Mrs. Gromyko, the Naval Attaché and Mrs. Yegorichev, and the Assistant Military Attaché and Mrs. Sarav. Mrs. Gromyko wore a rose-colored gown ornamented with a cluster of gardenias. Next to her stood the Naval Attaché and Mrs. Yegorichev, the latter wearing contrasting costume of white crepe ornamented with American Beauty roses. Mrs. Sarav, wife of the Assistant Military Attaché, and the only other lady in the receiving line, was in black, the bodice of her gown embroidered in hand with colorful collage ornamented with orchids.

Many kinds of Soviet and American delicacies were served last evening, the buffet tables laid in the concert room and in the dining room, each decorated with a large bouquet of spring flowers. The wives of the other members of the Embassy staff took turns presiding at the tea and coffee urns and a wide assortment of other beverages was served.

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Ensign to Wed Miss Williams

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Clay Williams, Jr., of Washington and Maplewood, N. J., announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Lenora Jane Williams, to Ensign Franklin Delostolatus, U. S. N. R., son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Earl Delostolatus of this city. The wedding will take place in the spring when the prospective bridegroom returns from sea duty.

The bride-elect attended Wellesley College. Ensign Delostolatus is a graduate of Clemson A. and M. The future bride's father, Mr. Williams, is a former official of the War Production Board and he now is with the Foreign Economic Administration. Miss Williams is active in the USO and the Wellesley Club of Washington, having been a graduate of Wellesley College.

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Navy Man Weds Betty Hayes

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MISS ALICE GOODNIGHT. Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Goodnight announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Alice Goodnight, to Sgt. Thomas MacBlane, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas MacBlane of Pennsylvania. Sgt. MacBlane is serving with the United States Paratroopers overseas. —Anton Studio.

Pfc., Mrs. Robinson Return From Trip

Pfc. George Michael Robinson, U. S. M. C., and Mrs. Robinson have returned from their wedding trip and are now at home at 712 Seventh street S.W.

Mrs. Robinson is the former Miss Alice Jeanette Perdue, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Alton Perdue of Trade, Ala., and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Robinson of Syracuse, N. Y. He now is stationed at the Marine Barracks in Washington.

The wedding took place February 13 in the Fifth Baptist Church, with the Rev. J. Herrick Hall officiating. Using the double-ring ceremony, Miss Annie Lee Perdue was maid of honor for her sister and Miss Ruth Dell Kendrick was the bridesmaid.

The ceremony took place February 12 in the Church of St. Gabriel's Church with the Rev. Roder officiating. The bride was attended by Miss Angeline Vasco as maid of honor and Pfc. James P. Brewer was best man for his brother.

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South African Envoy Arrives

The newly appointed South African Minister, Dr. Stefanus Francois Naude Gie, with Mrs. Gie, is expected to come to Washington tomorrow afternoon. They arrived in New York a few days ago from London, where they have been since the Minister's transfer to Washington from Stockholm, where he has represented his government since 1934. Mrs. Gie, like her husband, is a native of South Africa, and before her marriage in 1911 she was Miss Johanna Jordaan of Cradock, Cape Province.

The newly appointed Minister was born at Worcester, Cape Province, and he has been a leader in educational work. He taught in the secondary schools and was an instructor in the Cape Province schools at the time of his marriage, and was head of the normal college at Graef Reinet. Other posts have been professor of history at the University of Stellenbosch, which he held from 1918 to 1922, and in 1927 he was secretary of the Union of South Africa's Office of Education. He is a member of the Utrecht Historical Society and of the South African Academy of Arts and Sciences. Dr. Gie has written several works on South African history. He was appointed Minister to Berlin and Stockholm, with headquarters in Berlin, until the war, when he remained Minister to Stockholm until his appointment to succeed Mr. Ralph William Close, who retired at the end of last year from the diplomatic service of his country.

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MRS. A. H. HOMBURG, JR.

The marriage of Miss Julia Charlotte Herdtfelder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. August P. Herdtfelder of Silver Spring, to Capt. Albert H. Homburg, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Homburg of Baltimore, took place recently in Baltimore at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, the Rev. Gottlieb Siegenthaler, pastor, officiating at the double-ring ceremony.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by her sister, Miss Elizabeth G. Herdtfelder, as maid of honor, and the other attendants were Miss Martha Howard of Silver Spring and Miss Audrey Wilson of Ashton, Md. Mr. Henry Roben, brother-in-law of the bridegroom, served as best man and the ushers were Mr. David Hasack and Mr. John Hasack.

A reception at the home of the bridegroom's parents followed. After a wedding trip to New York Capt. Homburg left for Shreveport, La., where he is on duty.

The ceremony took place February 12 in the People's Church at Lansing, Mich., where the bridegroom is stationed at the Michigan State College with the Army Air Forces.

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Peruvian Women Adopt New Ways, Says Diplomat

By Gretchen Smith.

Conventions and traditions of royalist Spain, imported over 300 years ago to the Western Hemisphere, have greatly handicapped the women of Peru in entering business and professional fields, Francisco Pardo de Zela, Jr., Commercial Counselor of the Peruvian Embassy, told members of the Soroptimist Club yesterday.

Speaking at the group's weekly luncheon meeting at the Willard Hotel, Senor Pardo said that in spite of these traditions and masculine opposition, the women are steadily throwing off the yoke of domestic restraint and entering into public life.

It has only been since 1920 that the women of his country enjoyed even civic rights equally with men, the diplomat pointed out. Until passage of a law in that year, "women could not purchase land, transact business or even buy an automobile without the consent of husband or father," he added. Now women are becoming doctors, lawyers and entering business. They are even joining the armed forces, he continued, and Peru is very proud of its small army of 1,000 women, smartly attired in uniform and undergoing military drill.

"After the war, these women will return to their homes, but they will, in turn, teach others what they have learned in the army," he commented.

With business activities closed to them for many generations, Peruvian women turned to works of charity, Senor Pardo said. As a result, no country in the world has finer institutions for the crippled, the blind and deaf, and for home-less and ill children, he declared.

"These institutions are run entirely by charity," he explained. "The republic does not contribute one penny to their support. It is the efforts of the women that have developed these institutions."

Peru is now undergoing an era of great prosperity, the speaker continued, and with this, the government is developing an expanding school system for the Indian population. Representing 65 per cent of the population, the Indians have been difficult to educate, he commented, but establishment of schools in the villages is producing satisfactory results. Indian women are being taught hygiene and proper care of children and infant mortality has been greatly reduced since this instruction began.

"They even use imported canned milk in the babies' bottles," he smiled.

Senor Pardo was introduced by Miss Peggy Stoneham, in charge of the program. Brief talks were given by Mrs. William Jasper DuBose, vice chairman of the District Red Cross Camp and Hospital Service, and by Mrs. Arthur Vandenberg, public relations chairman of the Red Cross Camp and Hospital Service. The speakers expressed appreciation for the library of 500 books which the Soroptimist Club is presenting to St. Elizabeth's Hospital. They also solicited contributions of furniture, pianos or radios for day rooms for servicemen.

Miss Mildred Clum, the president, presided.

College Trustee Addresses Club

A year of study abroad will be made available to undergraduates of Smith College this year, according to Lt. Col. Harold D. Hoskins, one of three speakers yesterday at a luncheon meeting of the Smith College Club at the YWCA. A trustee of the college and husband of the club's president, he told how members of the junior class will be given opportunity to study in Mexico next fall now that the European theater is closed.

He suggested that the club organize a committee to raise money for the completion of the college's infirmary, which is in need of \$10,000 additional funds.

Urging members to support a benefit for the scholarship fund, the speaker announced that both the Chinese and Greek Embassies had taken boxes for the performance by the Spanish dancer, Argentiña, March 13 at Constitution Hall. The college's president and Mrs. Herbert Davis, Col. Hoskins said, and Capt. Herbert W. Underwood, commanding officer of the WAVE Training School on campus, will be in town especially for the event.

Mrs. Gilbert Emerson, club counselor, who recently attended the alumnae council meetings on campus, told of the varied war work of the students, including a group, "The Factory Folies," who tour Connecticut Valley in a truck presenting shows in war plants. The Smith Doop Canteen, she continued, entertains visiting servicemen.

The president of the Alumnae Association, Mrs. R. Keith Kane, spoke in lieu of Miss Suzanne Straub, originally scheduled to speak.

Mrs. William Chapin Huntington, a trustee of the college, attended the luncheon, at which Mrs. John W. Stenhouse presided.

A patriotic and Colonial party will be sponsored by the Executive Board of the Woman's Club of Arlington at 8 p.m. Saturday at St. Thomas More Hall, Buckingham Village. There will be card games and dancing. Proceeds will be contributed to the building fund of St. Thomas More's Hall.

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D.C. WOMEN IN UNIFORM

NEW RIVER, N. C.—Second Lt. Mary Hedda Bohlin, Marine Corps Women's Reserve, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Bohlin, 1717 Columbia road N.W., has been a company commander at the recruit depot here at Camp Lejeune since last June.

A graduate of the University of Maryland, Lt. Bohlin formerly was affiliated with the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

BRONX, N.Y.—Marjorie Grace Walton, 20, hospital apprentice, second class, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Walton, 5305 Broad Branch road N.W., and Elizabeth L. Russ, 28, seaman, second class, 1474 Columbia road N.W., have completed their indoctrination training here at the Naval Training School.

Miss Walton, who attended Woodrow Wilson High School, Pennsylvania State College and the Washington College of Music, formerly was employed as a student piano teacher at the College of Music. She will report to the Naval Hospital in Bethesda, Md., for further training. Miss Russ, formerly employed as an office manager for the War Production Board, will report to Cedar Falls, Iowa, to attend the yeoman school.

NORTHAMPTON, Mass.—Hesper Marie Crook, 22, daughter of Mrs. Ashby Martin, 1655 Good Hope road S.E., who recently enlisted in the WAVES, will report to Smith College here for her basic indoctrination. A graduate of North Texas State Teachers College, Miss Crook formerly was employed as a Bradbury Heights school teacher. She has a brother serving with the Army Air Forces in New York.

NEW YORK.—Edith Florella Shaver, 21, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Shade, 1468 Chestnut street N.W., who recently enlisted in the WAVES, has been ordered to report to Hunter College here for her basic indoctrination. A graduate of Central High School, Miss Shade formerly was employed as a bookkeeper for the Ross Engineering Co.

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